

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The allowance of claims 4-12 and 14-19 is again gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1 and 20-26 have been rejected over Hwang, Albrecht and the Admitted Prior Art.

Claim 24 is being canceled. Claims 1 and 20 are being amended to recite that the controller comprises a single IC which controls both the switching buck-boost converter (or PFC) input stage, and the switching output stage which feeds the load.

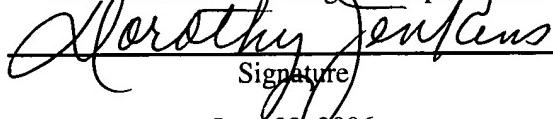
As explained in paragraph [0027], the feature of single IC with this functionality is a significant advance over the art, and is not disclosed or suggested by the references of record. Allowance of claims 1, 20-23 and 25-26 is therefore requested.

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